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Meeting on multi-use coastal path set for Feb. 21

KAPA'A – An update on the Lydgate to Kapa'a segment of *Ke Ala Hele Makalae*, the multi-use coastal path, will be presented on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The meeting will be held in the Kapa'a Middle School cafeteria starting at 6 pm.

Information regarding a supplemental environmental assessment (EA) currently underway on an alternate route for the Waipouli portion of the path that would run *makai* of Coconut Marketplace in the county's existing beach reserve will be the main focus of this meeting.

In 2007, an EA for the path identified the preferred alignment in the Waipouli area that would run *mauka* of Coconut Marketplace and Kūhiʻō Highway and along the Waipouli drainage canal.

Subsequent design studies determined that crossing Kūhi'ō Highway and the temporary bypass road would not be optimal for path users, and that the most feasible option is a *makai* route, which had been proposed and studied in the Draft EA for the original path project.

Anyone requiring special assistance or an auxiliary aid in order to participate in the meeting should contact the Department of Public Works at 241-4849, at least five business days before the meeting.

Extending *Ke Ala Hele Makalae* is one of 38 projects that are part of Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr.'s *Holo Holo 2020* vision for Kaua'i. The vision calls for all organizations, businesses, residents and visitors on Kaua'i to be part of creating an island that is sustainable, values the native culture, has a thriving and healthy economy, cares for all – keiki to kupuna – and has a responsible and user-friendly local government.



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